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In re Application of: Whitfield

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5 **Serial No.:** 09/472,100

Art Unit: 3621

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10 **Title:** Secure System for the Issuance, Acquisition, and Redemption of Certificates in a Transaction Network

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

25 This is in response to the Office Action, which was mailed to Applicant on 21 April 2003, for the above-identified patent application. Applicant has included petition and fee for a Two Month Extension. Applicant considers this document to be filed in a timely manner.

30 A telephone interview was conducted with the current Examiner, on Tuesday, 02 September 2003 to discuss the present invention, the cited art, and the present rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and 35 U.S.C. §103(a). In regard with the current rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, the Applicant and Examiner discussed possible amendments to the claims, specification, and figures, to replace the terms "public key", "supplementary public key", and "private key" with --public identifier--, --supplementary public identifier--, and --private identifier--, respectively.